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SUBJECT: LOS INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IN GENEVA

REF: STATE 3591

1. TRINIDAD WILL DEFINITELY ATTEND THE LAW OF THE
SEA INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IN GENEVA ON COMMITTEE I
MATTERS WHICH HAS BEEN CALLED BY NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR
EVENSEN, GOTT FOREIGN OFFICE ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY
DR. LENNOX BALLAH, WHO IS THE CHIEF TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO NEGOTIATOR ON LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS, STATE
THAT IF POSSIBLE HE WILL ATTEND THE MEETING HIMSELF.
IF HE IS UNABLE TO GO, ANOTHER OFFICER FULLY INFORMED
ON LOS DIALOGUE WILL BE SENT TO GENEVA.

2. BALLAH EXPRESSED SOME DISMAY, HOWEVER, AT THE
DECISION TO HAVE THE INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IN
GENEVA HE SAID A NUMBER OF NATIONS HAD TRIED TO
PERSUADE EVENSEN TO HOLD THE MEETING IN NEW YORK,
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BUT THAT"THE EUROPEANS" PREFERRED GENEVA. BALLAH
CLAIMS THAT MANY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COVER
GENEVA MEETINGS WITH THEIR GENEVA-BASED UN DELEGA-
TIONS, WHICH TYPICALLY ARE UNINFORMED IN DETAIL ON THE
LOS NEGOTIATIONS. THE RESULT, HE SAID, WAS THAT
"AGREEMENTS" ON LOS MATTERS REACHED IN GENEVA MEETINGS
FREQUENTLY DID NOT HOLD TOGETHER BACK IN NEW YORK.

HE FELT NEW YORK WOULD HAVE BEEN A WISER VENUE
SINCE STAFFS ON UN MISSIONS THERE ARE GENERALLY
COGNIZANT OF LOS ISSUES AND A MORE PRODUCTIVE MEETING
COULD HAVE BEEN HELD.
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